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AN ACT

To amend chapter 207, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to financial assistance for food pantries.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 207, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 207.155, to read as follows:

207.155. The division of family services may, subject to appropriation, provide financial assistance to local not-for-profit food pantries operating throughout the state which distribute federally donated agriculture commodities in addition to nonfederal food products. Such financial assistance shall be provided to supplement food pantry funds for the sole purpose of acquiring additional nonfederal food products and shall be limited to direct expenses incurred for sums expended in connection with the acquisition, affiliate food bank shared maintenance fees, transportation, warehousing, storage, safekeeping, and distribution of such nonfederal food products. Such financial assistance shall be apportioned in proportion to the number of households served within the service area of the food pantry and, pursuant to an agreement entered into with the division of family

services pursuant to this section, shall be made available upon receipt of a reimbursement

request form from the food pantry for expenses set forth in this section.